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Madison, Wisconsin -- Stephen P. Sinnott, Acting United States Attorney for the Western District of Wisconsin, announced that on Friday, July 1, 2005, U.S. District Judge John C. Shabaz sentenced Joseph Busterud, D.O.B. 7/26/63, to 105 months in federal prison and Jessica Henderson, a/k/a Jessica McDonald, D.O.B. 3/11/75, to 116 months in federal prison for their role in manufacturing and distributing methamphetamine in the Lincoln County area. Each of these sentences will be served without the possibility of parole. The defendants, both from Merrill, Wisconsin, were charged jointly in an indictment on December 15, 2004 and both pleaded guilty on April 22, 2005.

These defendants are the latest to be sentenced as part of an ongoing investigation into methamphetamine manufacturing and distribution in the Lincoln County area. The investigation is being conducted by the Wisconsin Department of Justice, Division of Criminal Investigation - Narcotics Bureau, the Lincoln County Sheriff's Department, the Marathon County Sheriff's Department, the Wausau Police Department, the Merrill Police Department, and the North Central Drug Enforcement Group.

The investigation has also resulted in the convictions of Michael Bohman, D.O.B.

4/11/75, who was sentenced to 121 months in federal prison on April 21, 2005 and Jon Shaw, D.O.B. 2/26/76, who was sentenced to 96 months in federal prison on February 7, 2005. Another defendant, Raymond Hanson, D.O.B. 9/4/72, will be sentenced by in U.S. District Court on July 22, 2005.

The prosecution of the defendants in this case has been handled by Assistant U.S. Attorney Meredith P. Duchemin.

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